MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, advance money for meeting the passage was sent.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether under the provisions of the T. S. R she is entitled to that advance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): She is entitled to the travelling allowance.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is she entitled to that advance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Advance is given at the discretion of Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is there any precedent in which that discretion was used?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are cases in which advance money was given for forward journeys.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Therefore, this is a special case where advance money is given for return journey?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no speciality about it. The advance will be adjusted when the travelling allowance is paid.

Opening of a Maternity Ward in the General Hospital.

5. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the sanction of the Government was given for opening a maternity ward in the General Hospital and what is the cause of the delay in carrying this order into effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About three years ago, the question of converting the septic ward of the General Hospital into a lying-in ward, with labour room attached to it, was under contemplation. It was given up temporarily, as all the accommodation was needed for septic cases. The matter will be considered after the two new wards are occupied.

Rules re Night-schools.

6. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 25, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 21st Karkatakam 1101, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the rules sanctioned by them in connection with night-schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A copy* of the rules asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Pupils of Class VII in Vernacular Schools.

7. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the total strength of Class VII of the Vernacular schools in the year 1101?

**Vide* Appendix II—pages 16 and 17.

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Appendix II.

Vide Answer to Question No. 6.

Rules for the organisation and working of Night-schools by private agencies passed by the Government under date the 2nd December, 1923.

1. Night-schools may be opened by private agencies with the help of grant-in-aid from the Education Department to meet the needs of the labouring classes and so as not to compete with day-schools.

2. Night-schools shall be under the supervision of the boys' branch of the Vernacular section of the department and shall be under the immediate observation of the Assistant Inspectors of the Districts in which they may be situated.

3. Applications in the prescribed form for permission to open night-schools with a view to the receipt of grant-in-aid shall reach the Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular schools in whose Districts they are proposed to be located, three months prior to the date on which they are to be opened. The Inspector of Vernacular Schools shall dispose of the applications on receipt of reports on them from the Assistant Inspectors.

4. Night-schools shall be accommodated in decent buildings which may be rented, or erected for the purpose, or in day-school buildings lent for the purpose by the proprietors thereof.

5. Night-schools shall be supplied with furniture and appliances necessary for the satisfactory conduct of work and also with good and sufficient lighting.

6. Persons of either sex who are above 18 years of age shall be admitted as pupils.

7. Teachers in night-schools shall be such as are eligible for a license, but shall not be less than 25 years of age. Persons who are teachers in departmental schools shall not be permitted to be teachers in night-schools unless they obtain the sanction of the local Assistant Inspector of Schools.

8. A class in a night-school shall consist of not less than 20 and not more than 40 pupils.

9. There shall be a maximum of 160 school-days in the year. The Managers shall issue every year, with reference to local conditions, lists of working days in regard to the several night schools under them. The schools shall not work on Sundays and other recognised holidays.

10. Instruction shall be given for not less than 2, and not more than 3, hours between 7 and 10 P. M.

11. The scheme of work in night-schools shall be prepared with a view to cover the course in two years.

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12. Simple lessons in the three R's., stories of historical interest and elementary lessons in hygiene and first aid shall form the subjects of study in night-schools. The scheme of work shall be submitted to the Assistant Inspector for approval.

13. The applications for grant-in-aid shall be submitted to the Assistant Inspector of Schools in the form prescribed for use in regard to private day-schools, three months after the school commences work.

14. The Inspector of Vernacular Schools shall dispose of the reports on application for aid and the aid shall be as follows :—

(*a*) (1) a grant of Rs. 3 per mensem to a teacher who has also work in a day-school; or

(2) a grant of Rs. 5 per mensem to a teacher who holds no other employment; and

(*b*) lighting charges at the rate of Re. 1 per calendar month, provided work is held on 15 or more nights in that month.

Application for permission to open a Night School (vide No. 3 of the Rules of the organisation and working of Night Schools by Private Agencies).

1. Name and address of Manager.
2. Position of School.....Kara.....
   Pakuthi.....Taluk.....
3. Position with reference to neighbouring schools.
4. Necessity for the school.
5. Date on which the school is proposed to be opened.
6. Whether the school is open to all classes; if not, what classes are proposed to be excluded.
7. Whether the school is intended specially for any particular class; and if so, for what class.
8. What guarantees can the applicant give of his ability to conduct the school successfully from a financial standpoint?
9. The probable number of pupils expected at opening.
10. Nature of accommodation.

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